

CLAIM LISTING:

1. (previously amended) In combination, a columnar jack concealing structure for a columnar support of a structure comprising:
 - an adjustable, flexible strap;
 - an adjustable columnar jack;
 - a stiff skirt circumferentially adjustable relative to the columnar support for concealing the adjustable columnar jack;
 - a mechanically adjustable clamp; and
 - the columnar support, the adjustable columnar jack for supporting and securing the columnar support, the adjustable, flexible strap for surrounding and engaging a portion of the columnar support adjacent the adjustable columnar jack, the mechanically adjustable clamp for attaching the adjustable, stiff skirt to the adjustable, flexible strap and to the columnar support, the adjustable, stiff skirt for concealing the adjustable columnar jack, the adjustable, flexible strap for folding over and for protectively covering the mechanically adjustable clamp.
2. (previously amended) The combination of claim 1, wherein the columnar support has a top end and a bottom end opposite the top end, the adjustable columnar jack for placement at either the top end or the bottom end and concealed thereat by the adjustable, stiff skirt.
3. (original) The combination of claim 1, wherein the adjustable, flexible strap is an annular band member having ends for disposing in lapped relation, the adjustable,

flexible strap for placement about varying sizes, dimensions, and shapes of columnar supports having a cross-section selected from the group consisting of circular, square, and irregular cross-sections, the adjustable, flexible strap for concealing the mechanically adjustable clamp and for providing moisture protection to the columnar support.

4. (original) The combination of claim 3, wherein the adjustable, flexible strap is constructed of a moisture adsorbing material.
5. (previously amended) The combination of claim 1, wherein the adjustable, stiff skirt is constructed and configured for immediate and easy access to the adjustable columnar jack for adjusting and for securing the columnar support for leveling the structure and for maintaining the structure in level position.
6. (previously amended) The combination of claim 1, further comprising the structure, wherein the structure is a log cabin, the columnar support is a wood column attached to and supporting the log cabin, and the columnar jack concealing structure coacts with the wood column of the log cabin for allowing ease of access to the adjustable columnar jack for maintaining a level wood column and log cabin following wood shrinkage.
7. (canceled) A columnar covering device for a columnar jack comprising:
a strap member;
a skirt sized and shaped for covering the columnar jack; and

a band member for attaching the skirt to the strap member,
the strap member being sized and shaped for folding over and enclosing the band member
and a portion of the skirt.

8. (canceled) The columnar covering device of claim 7, wherein the columnar jack is for
supporting a structural support member, the strap member for surrounding about and
securing to the structural support member, the skirt for concealing the columnar jack and
at least a portion of the structural support member.

9. (canceled) The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein structural support
member is selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

10. (canceled) The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein the columnar jack is
an adjustable columnar jack comprising a base plate, an incremental adjustable support
mechanism, and a support plate.

11. (canceled) The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein the structural support
member has a top portion and a bottom portion opposite the top portion, the columnar
jack being for placement at either the top portion or the bottom portion and concealed
thereat by the skirt.

12. (canceled) The columnar covering device of claim 7, wherein the strap, the skirt, and
the band member are adjustable for securing structural support members having differing
sizes, makes, and dimensions.

13. (canceled) An apparatus for shielding a columnar structure supporting device
comprising:

a first adjustable band member;

a second adjustable band member; and

an adjustable shield member for shielding the columnar structure supporting device,

the second adjustable band member for coupling the first adjustable band member with the adjustable shield member,
the first adjustable band member for enclosing the second adjustable band member.

14. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the columnar structure supporting device is an adjustable columnar jack for supporting a columnar structure selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

15. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the adjustable columnar jack is placed at an end of the columnar structure and is shielded therein by the adjustable shield member.

16. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the end of the columnar structure is a top end or a bottom end.

17. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the columnar structure supporting device is an adjustable columnar jack, the first adjustable band member is an adjustable strap member sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the second adjustable band member for providing cover for the second adjustable band member, the second adjustable band member is an adjustable clamp, and the adjustable shield member is an adjustable sleeve sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable columnar jack.

18. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the flexible material of the adjustable strap member and the stiff material of the adjustable sleeve coact with the adjustable clamp to extend upwards, downwards, or at an angle over the adjustable columnar jack.

19. (canceled) In combination, an apparatus for shielding a columnar structure supporting device comprising:
a first adjustable band member;
a second adjustable band member;

an adjustable shield member for shielding the columnar structure supporting device; and a structural support,
the second adjustable band member for coupling the first adjustable band member with the adjustable shield member and with the structural support,
the first adjustable band member for enclosing the second adjustable band member.

20. (canceled) The combination of claim 19, wherein the columnar structure supporting device is an adjustable columnar jack for supporting the structural support selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

21. (canceled) The combination of claim 20, wherein the adjustable columnar jack is placed at an end of the structural support and is shielded therein by the adjustable shield member.

22. (canceled) The combination of claim 21, wherein the end of the structural support is a top end or a bottom end.

23. (canceled) The combination of claim 19, wherein the columnar structure supporting device is an adjustable columnar jack, the first adjustable band member is an adjustable strap member sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the second adjustable band member for providing cover for the second adjustable band member, the second adjustable band member is an adjustable clamp, and the adjustable shield member is an adjustable sleeve sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable columnar jack.

24. (canceled) The combination of claim 23, wherein the flexible material of the adjustable strap member and the stiff material of the adjustable sleeve coact with the adjustable clamp to extend upwards, downwards, or at an angle over the adjustable columnar jack, the adjustable strap member being an annular strap member comprised of a soft easily folded cloth material for lapped engagement about the structural support and itself.

25. (canceled) The combination of claim 24, wherein the flexible material and the stiff material present a uniform appearance blending with the structural support.
26. (canceled) A columnar jack concealing kit for columnar supports comprising:
a columnar jack for supporting the columnar support;
an adjustable strap member;
an adjustable shield member; and
an adjustable clamp member,
the adjustable clamp member for attaching the adjustable shield member with the adjustable strap member to the columnar support,
the adjustable shield member for concealing and shielding the columnar jack,
the adjustable strap member for enclosing the adjustable clamp member.
27. (canceled) The columnar jack concealing kit of claim 26, wherein the columnar jack is an adjustable columnar jack comprising a base plate, an incremental adjustable support mechanism, and a support plate.
28. (canceled) The columnar jack concealing kit of claim 26, wherein the columnar support has opposing ends and is selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.
29. (canceled) The columnar jack concealing kit of claim 28, wherein the columnar jack is placed at any end of the columnar support and is concealed and shielded thereat by the adjustable shield member, the adjustable shield member covering a portion of the end of the columnar support.
30. (canceled) The columnar jack concealing kit of claim 29, wherein the end is a top surface or a bottom surface.

31. (canceled) The columnar jack concealing kit of claim 26, wherein the adjustable strap member and the adjustable clamp member are adjustable by materials selected from the group consisting of Velcro, adhesive, nail, screw, nut and bolt, and mechanical mechanism, the adjustable shield member being adjustable by overlap upon itself, Velcro or adhesive attachment, or by mechanical mechanism.

32. (withdrawn) A method of concealing a columnar jack using a columnar jack concealing kit with a columnar support, the method comprising the acts of:
providing a columnar jack;
attaching the columnar jack to the columnar support and adjusting the columnar jack for securing the columnar support;
wrapping an adjustable, flexible strap about the secured columnar support and securing the adjustable, flexible strap to the secured columnar support;
wrapping an adjustable, stiff skirt about the secured adjustable, flexible strap and the secured columnar support and adjusting and securing the adjustable, stiff skirt to the secured adjustable, flexible strap and the secured columnar support, thus covering the attached columnar jack with the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and concealing the attached columnar jack from view;
mounting, adjusting, and securing a mechanically adjustable clamp around and over the secured adjustable, flexible strap, the secured adjustable, stiff skirt, and the secured columnar support for securing same in assembled relation to conceal the attached columnar jack; and
folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap over an upper end of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and over the secured mechanically adjustable clamp for concealing at least a portion of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and concealing and protectively covering the secured mechanically adjustable clamp.

33. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the acts of attaching the columnar jack, wrapping the adjustable, flexible strap, wrapping the adjustable, stiff skirt, covering the attached columnar jack, mounting, adjusting, and securing the mechanically adjustable clamp, and folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap are performed

selectively right-side up for placement of the columnar jack below the columnar support and upside-down for placement of the columnar jack above the columnar support.

34. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the acts of attaching the columnar jack, wrapping the adjustable, flexible strap, wrapping the adjustable, stiff skirt, covering the attached columnar jack, mounting, adjusting, and securing the mechanically adjustable clamp, and folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap are performed sequentially for installing the columnar jack concealing kit.
35. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32, further comprising the act of uninstalling the columnar jack concealing kit by performing the acts of unfolding the secured adjustable, flexible strap, loosening and removing the mechanically adjustable clamp, uncovering the attached columnar jack, unwrapping and removing the adjustable, stiff skirt, unwrapping and removing the adjustable, flexible strap, and loosening and detaching the columnar jack from the columnar support.
36. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32, further comprising accessing the attached columnar jack through the adjustable, stiff skirt for further adjusting the attached columnar jack and for leveling the columnar support.
37. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the folded over secured adjustable flexible strap provides a protective cover protecting the mechanically adjustable clamp and protecting the columnar support from moisture penetration.
38. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32 further including lapping opposite ends of the adjustable, flexible strap in snug circumferential attached retained attachment about an outer perimeter of the columnar support and using the mechanically adjustable clamp to circumferentially clamp the stiff skirt in engaged relation with the adjustable, flexible strap in unitary assembled relation whereafter the secured adjustable, flexible strap is return bent to conceal the secured mechanically adjustable clamp.

39. (withdrawn) The method of claim 32 wherein the columnar jack and the column can be relatively adjusted with respect to one another where the column is a log and where the log has shrunk in length by loosening the secured adjustable, flexible strap to allow upright vertical edges of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt to be spread enabling access to be made to the columnar jack for mechanical adjustment of the columnar jack.
40. (new) A columnar structural support assembly, the columnar structural support assembly comprising, in combination:
- an adjustable strap member;
 - an adjustable clamp;
 - an adjustable columnar jack; and
 - an adjustable sleeve, the adjustable strap member being sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the adjustable clamp for providing cover for the adjustable clamp, the adjustable clamp for coupling the adjustable strap member with the adjustable sleeve, the adjustable sleeve being sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable columnar jack.
41. (new) The columnar structural support assembly of claim 40 wherein the columnar structural support assembly comprises a columnar structural support, the columnar structural support comprising a select support end, the adjustable columnar jack for positioned placement adjacent the select support end.

42. (new) The columnar structural support assembly of claim 41 wherein the select support end is selected from the group consisting of a top end and a bottom end.
43. (new) The columnar structural support assembly of claim 40 wherein the flexible material of the adjustable strap member and the stiff material of the adjustable sleeve coact with the adjustable clamp to extend upwards, downwards, or at an angle over the adjustable columnar jack.
44. (new) A structural support assembly, the structural support assembly comprising, in combination:
- an adjustable strap member;
 - an adjustable clamp;
 - an adjustable columnar jack;
 - an adjustable sleeve; and
 - a select structural support, the select structural support comprising a select support end, the adjustable columnar jack for positioned placement adjacent the select support end, the adjustable strap member being sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the adjustable clamp for providing cover for the adjustable clamp, the adjustable clamp for coupling the adjustable strap member with the adjustable sleeve, the adjustable sleeve being sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable columnar jack.

45. (new) The structural support assembly of claim 44 wherein the flexible material of the adjustable strap member and the stiff material of the adjustable sleeve coact with the adjustable clamp to extend upwards, downwards, or at an angle over the adjustable columnar jack, the adjustable strap member being an annular strap member, the annular strap member comprising a soft, foldable cloth material for lapped engagement about the select structural support and itself.
46. (new) The structural support assembly of claim 45 wherein the flexible material and the stiff material present a uniform appearance blending with the select structural support.
47. (new) The structural support assembly of claim 44 wherein the select structural support is selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.
48. (new) The structural support assembly of claim 44 wherein the select support end is selected from the group consisting of a top end and a bottom end.